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a frame in which a middle portion is open;
a plurality of engaging protrusions that are provided on a rear surface of the frame and engage the respective engagement portions formed in the printer;
a transparent panel that covers a surface of the photograph so as to be able to be seen therethrough;
a rear panel that holds the photograph with the transparent panel from the rear side of the frame; and
a photograph holding portion that is integrally formed to a base portion of each engagement protrusion and urges a photograph.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to correct a minor typographical error. Thus, no new matter is added. The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Do in the May 1, 2003 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicants gratefully appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 6 and 10, they being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants assert that claims 4, 6 and 10 are allowable for at least the reasons discussed below.

Claim 1 is objected to because of an informality. The claim is amended in reply to the objection.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9 and 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,057,933 to Takahashi. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action alleges that Takahashi discloses a printer with a photo stand 5, 21, as recited in claim 1. However, as discussed and agreed during the personal interview,

Takahashi does not disclose a printer but rather discloses a device for providing an image for video recording. Thus, as discussed and agreed during the personal interview, claims 1-20 distinguish over the applied reference. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7-9 and 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application is requested. It is submitted that the claims as presented herein patentably distinguish over the applied reference and fully meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1 - 20 are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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Appendix

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claims:

1. (Amended) A printer with a photo stand that prints indicia on a recording medium, comprising:
 - a printer having an outer surface; and
 - a plurality of engagement portions formed in the outer surface of the printer; and, wherein
 - ~~_____ a~~ the photo stand ~~that is~~ detachably attached to the engagement portions.
2. (Amended) The printer with the photo stand according to claim 1, wherein the photo stand includes:
 - a frame in which a middle portion is open;
 - a plurality of engaging protrusions that are provided on a rear surface of the frame and engage the respective engagement portions formed in the printer; and
 - a photograph holding portion that is integrally formed to a base portion of each engagement protrusion and ~~urges the~~ a photograph by contacting the rear panel.
4. (Amended) The printer with the photo stand according to claim 1, wherein the photo stand includes a frame and the frame is provided with a bottom portion that extends in a direction smaller than a right angle by a predetermined angle with respect to the frame, and the printer is inclined at the predetermined angle with respect to a direction perpendicular to an installed plane of the printer when the printer is attached with the photo stand having the bottom portion.
8. (Amended) A photo stand detachably attachable to a printer via a plurality of engagement portions formed in an outer surface of the printer, comprising:
 - a frame in which a middle portion is open;

a plurality of engaging protrusions that are provided on a rear surface of the frame and engage the respective engagement portions formed in the printer; and

a photograph holding portion that is integrally formed to a base portion of each engagement protrusion and urges ~~the a photograph by contacting the rear panel.~~

11. (Amended) The printer with the photo stand according to claim 1, wherein the photo stand includes:

a frame in which a middle portion is open;

a plurality of engaging protrusions that are provided on a rear surface of the frame and engage the respective engagement portions formed in the printer;

a transparent panel that covers a surface of the photograph so as to be able to be seen therethrough; and

a photograph holding portion that is integrally formed to a base portion of each engagement protrusion and urges ~~the a photograph by contacting the rear panel.~~

12. (Amended) The printer with the photo stand according to claim 1, wherein the photo stand includes:

a frame in which a middle portion is open;

a plurality of engaging protrusions that are provided on a rear surface of the frame and engage the respective engagement portions formed in the printer;

a transparent panel that covers a surface of the photograph so as to be able to be seen therethrough;

a rear panel that holds the photograph with the transparent panel from the rear side of the frame; and

a photograph holding portion that is integrally formed to a base portion of each engagement protrusion and urges ~~the a photograph by contacting the rear panel.~~